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## Dr. Iris Metts Praises Schools At Lions Club Gathering Here

by Barbara Hopkins

Dr. Iris T. Metts, Prince George's County School Superintendent, told the Greenbelt Lions Club, "There is a lot to be proud of" in the county school system. And the current debate over her work and relationship to the school board is not as important as what is going on in the schools, she said. Metts was the guest after-dinner speaker for the club at its meeting on Monday, February 25.

Metts praised the hard work and dedication of county teachers and students alike. She emphasized that the reigning champions of the nation in both the teen and college tournaments of the television quiz show Jeopardy are products of Prince George's County schools, specifically Eleanor Roosevelt High School. Metts expressed wonder that the accomplishments of the school system are not more recognized.

As examples of the system's achievements, she noted that it has the third lowest drop-out rate in Maryland and went from the thirtieth percentile in the MSPAP test to the fiftieth percentile in two years. She also noted that Prince George's is the largest



PHOTO BY ANDY CARRUTHERS

**Superintendent Dr. Iris Metts displays information about the county school system to a receptive audience.**

school district in the area with all kindergarten-aged children in full-day programs.

The school system also faces many difficulties, Metts acknowledged. Some 12,000 children between 3 and 5 years of age live in poverty. The system enrolls 2,000 homeless children. Since the system was able to provide Head Start programs for only a small percentage of children eligible for it, she reached out to churches to serve as locations,

and some agreed to rent space to the school system at a modest rate. Metts believes Head Start programs are important, since they help children become prepared for school.

The system needs to pay teachers well so they don't leave, to reduce class size, and to hire sufficient counselors so that they can provide needed services to the children, she added.

Metts spoke about her upcoming trip to Barbados, which has a high poverty level. The people are "black and brown," she said, and by third grade there is a 98 percent literacy level. She hopes to find out how they succeed this way, adding that "it will solve a lot of problems if we can do that here." She is a firm believer that children must master the basics and not be passed ahead until they do.

### Her Background

Metts described her own background growing up in housing projects in Richmond. Yet, she said, many of her classmates went on to do outstanding things. She played tennis in high school, calling herself "the Venus Will-

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## Visual Arts Programming Continues with Rec. Dept.

by Barbara Hopkins

After a lengthy discussion, Greenbelt City Council voted at its meeting on February 11 to continue providing education in the visual arts through programs run by the city's Recreation Department, rather than issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) from outside vendors to do so.

In a report recently submitted to council, the Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board recommended against issuing an RFP, saying there is no need because the current arts program is "more vigorous than it has been in the past." A call for RFPs would also be disruptive to the current program, the report continues, as "a change in administrative approach at this time would be detrimental to the continuity of current offerings and the growth of the program as a whole." It states that an RFP process would cast an aura of instability on the program, which could have a negative impact on funding, recruitment of staff and instructors, and participation by residents and nonresidents alike.

Recreation Department staff concurred with the recommendations of the Arts Advisory Board, but submitted to the city manager the draft RFP requested by council. The memo forwarding the draft RFP calls the current program successful, with an increase

in programs offered and in diversity of instructors, improved customer service and higher levels of participation than before.

Joe McNeal, Community Center supervisor, and Nicole DeWald, arts coordinator, spoke about the issue for the Recreation Department. A six-month report giving an outline of the classes and programs offered, the number of registrants, and costs was provided to council. Councilmember Thomas White regretted that there seemed to be a lower number of programs for children than in the past. He was in favor of issuing an RFP so council could compare choices. He is not convinced that the city is open to suggestions on the program from the outside and is concerned there is no process for evaluating and adopting such suggestions.

Mayor Judith Davis said she "appreciates and applauds" the current program, but told the assembly that she had made a promise to issue an RFP, so she would be voting in favor of one for that reason, not because of any dissatisfaction present.

White moved that council direct the city manager to revise the RFP, and the motion was seconded by Davis. Councilmember Edward Putens thought the cur-

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## Artful Afternoon Features Cinderella and Reception

On Sunday, March 3, the Greenbelt Recreation Department will host an Artful Afternoon at the Greenbelt Community Center from 1 to 5 p.m. Guests of all ages are invited to enjoy free activities including a puppet show, literary readings, and hands-on art projects in addition to two exhibit receptions, a studio open house, a pottery sale, and tours of the nearby Greenbelt Museum.

Artful Afternoons are an ongoing series of community arts festivals held on the first Sunday of every month. Stories are the focus of the upcoming March program. From 1:45 to 2:15 p.m., enjoy a spritely performance and discussion of Cinderella with the young puppeteers in Jill Kyle-Keith's winter session class. The puppeteers, ages 4 to 9, will be using rod puppets and marionettes which they constructed themselves under the guidance of Kyle-Keith, the director of Baltimore's Beale Street Puppets. From 1 to 3:30 p.m., artist-educator Barbara Mechler will host a children's workshop to create original pop-up storybooks.

### Writers Group

From 2:30 to 3:15 p.m., the Greenbelt Writers Group will celebrate the release of their second

anthology, "Now and Then," with readings from participating authors including Andy Nitz, Marsha Barrett, and published novelist Jennifer Crowell. Copies of the anthology will be available for purchase and signing. Immediately prior to the reading, from 1:15 to 2:15 p.m., a reception will be held at the Greenbelt Municipal Building across from the Community Center for artist Marilyn Wassman. Wassman's original portraits of Greenbelt writers, reproduced in the new anthology, are currently on display in the Municipal Building's first floor gallery.

### Artist Reception

From 3 to 4 p.m., a reception will be held in the Community Center Gallery for contemporary folk artist Sy Mohr. Mohr is a resident of Bowie, whose work has begun to attract national attention. He is a prolific artist

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### What Goes On Sunday, March 3

1 to 5 p.m., Artful Afternoon, Community Center.

## BARC's Historic Log Lodge Is Undergoing Restoration

by Barbara Young

It will probably take another year and a half to complete preservation work now under way on the exterior envelope of the historic log lodge at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center's Visitors Center, the project's on-site preservation specialist, William Chapman, told the News Review.

The lodge, which is about as old as Greenbelt, was built by Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) camp workers during the Depression. To provide the logs of which the lodge is built, they made use of the tall, thin loblolly pines growing near the facility. Similar trees may still be seen nearby.

### CCC Contribution

The CCC, a federal agency, was part of the New Deal. Its purpose was to take unemployed young men from the urban slums, provide them with wholesome meals, and put them to work on constructive projects all over the country. CCC workers, who were often housed in rural areas in camps they built themselves, constructed dams and trails, planted trees and partici-

pated in land reclamation projects. They made a significant contribution to the nation, and in many cases the experience had a positive influence on their individual lives. There is a national association of CCC alumni, and the Maryland chapter holds its meetings in the Visitors Center at BARC.

At BARC, CCC workers built 79 miles of roads, trails and

bridges, built fences, laid drainpipes, and moved 78,000 trees and shrubs. They also constructed 21 buildings, including the Visitors Center. New Germany State Park near Grantsville, Maryland, was also built by the CCC.

Over the years, borers, beetles, carpenter ants and termites have taken a toll on the logs of the

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PHOTO BY MARIA DEL MAR LOPEZ

**Restoration of the left-side logs at BARC's historic lodge is complete except for mullioned windows, which will come later. The right side of the lodge is shown covered with plastic.**



# Letters to the Editor

## Next Blood Drive

My letter to the editor (Greenbelt New Review, February 21, 2002) inadvertently omitted the date for the next blood drive.

The next blood drive, co-sponsored by the American Red Cross, the Greenbelt Recreation Department and the Springhill Lake Apartments will be held on Friday, March 15, at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center from noon to 6 p.m. Please note the change in location.

Since there is a 56-day interval between allowable blood donations, those people who missed the last blood drive on February 15 are eligible to participate in the March 15 blood drive.

Call me at 301-397-2212 to make an appointment.

Janet Goldberg

## Open Letter

**To the Greenbelt Community:**

At the February 11 City Council meeting, the Greenbelt City Council voted not to issue an RFP for the visual arts/ceramic educational programming at the Greenbelt Community Center. We expected to have the opportunity to offer program ideas through responding to this RFP. Although we are disappointed that this will not be possible now, we wish the Recreation Depart-

ment success in providing arts educational programs at the Community Center.

We wish to thank our many supporters and friends at this time, and to recommit ourselves to our mission of providing quality arts experiences for Greenbelt. We continue to produce our animation classes with GATE and the Community Center and to host animation festivals at the Old Greenbelt Theatre in Roosevelt Center. Our animation instructor, George Kochell, and I also continue to teach at Greenbelt Elementary School.

In the months to come, we hope we will discover other opportunities to serve. We are encouraged by the willingness shown by the Recreation Department staff at the February 11 meeting to work with community organizations, and we look forward to exploring and establishing guidelines for the future. To all artists, arts educators, and those interested in the arts, we urge you to remember that we will continue to support the visual arts in our community: tell us about your concerns and ideas. We look forward to seeing you at the annual Labor Day Festival art shows this September.

Barbara Simon, President  
Greenbelt Association  
for the Visual Arts

# Hazardous Waste Clean-up To be Discussed at BARC

by Betsy Likowski

The Henry A. Wallace Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC) was listed as a Superfund site on the National Properties List in 1994. Since then work has been done to identify sites containing hazardous wastes and to clean them up.

There will be a public meeting on Monday, March 4 to explain what has been done and discuss future plans. The meeting is at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of Building 003 Circle Drive, 10300 Baltimore Avenue, Beltsville. Call 301-504-1637 for information, to reserve an opportunity to speak, or to be added to the mailing list.

The public can inspect records of BARC's action on the Superfund site in Room 014 Building 003.

There is no imminent threat to people living or working nearby or to the environment because of environmental contamination at BARC.

In 1994 BARC was designated a Superfund site because it was

believed there were sites on the 6,700 acre facility that might contain hazardous materials. In 1998 BARC and the Environmental Protection Agency reached an agreement on how to proceed with clean up. City councilmembers were told by BARC officials in 2001 that 53 sites were being examined.

BARC has been an agricultural research center since 1910. Some of the sites were used in the past for waste disposal or were the sites of spills that now must be cleaned up to meet current environmental standards.

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

Week of March 1

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Friday  
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Saturday  
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Monsters Inc. \*2:45  
Gosford Park  
\*4:30, 7:30, 9:50

Sunday  
Monsters Inc. \*1:00, 2:45  
Gosford Park \*4:30, 7:30

Monday - Thursday  
Gosford Park 7:30

\*These shows at \$4.00

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with an extensive professional history in theatrical set painting, textile design, and the fine arts. The large vibrant canvases currently on display at the Community Center reflect the artist's zealous interest in people and their experiences in life, which constitute the focal point of his affectionate paintings. Mohr will offer a gallery talk at 3:30 p.m. Beginning in April, the artist will offer a painting class for ages 16+ at the Community Center.

**Tour**

From 1 to 5 p.m., the public is invited to tour the studios of the Community Center's Artists in Residence. Participating artists will include the Center's newest resident artist, ceramicist Sandy Dwiggin, who is also a hand building instructor at the facility. Greenbelt Pottery guild members will offer beautiful and functional pottery for sale from 1 to 5 p.m., with partial proceeds benefitting the Greenbelt Recreation Department's ceramics program.

The City's historic house museum located at 10-B Crescent Road will be open for tours between noon and 5 p.m. The Greenbelt Museum's current exhibit of documentary photography entitled "Picturing Victims and Patriots" will be on view throughout the day at the Community Center.

For information on the day's activities or ongoing arts and humanities programs, call the Community Center at 301-397-2208.

## Greenbelt CARES

Judye Hering was the featured speaker at the Community Agency Orientation at the University of Maryland on February 20. The purpose of the orientation was to give information to other agencies about successful recruitment, retention and training of University of Maryland student volunteers.

GREENBELT ARTS CENTER presents

The Fifth Sun

by Nicholas Patricca

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The Old Curmudgeon

"It's been a peculiar winter . . ."

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## M-NCPPC Offers Jobs for Teens

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) Department of Parks and Recreation, Prince George's County, is looking for teens 13 years of age and over who are interested in volunteering this summer at playgrounds, day camps, sports programs, nature centers, preschool programs, inclusion programs, landscaping and more.

This is a way for students to earn service learning hours toward graduation and have fun in the process. Summer programs begin in June; volunteers must attend orientation and training programs, and submit to a background investigation.

Applications are available and

there is limited space, so interested students should sign up early. For more information call the Volunteer Services Office at 301-249-7208; TTY 301-699-2407; www.pgparcs.com.

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New Deal Meets

The board of directors of the New Deal Cafe will meet on Sunday, March 3 at 8 p.m. at the New Deal Cafe. The board meets regularly on the first Sunday of each month at the cafe at 8 p.m. The meetings are open to members and the public.

GHI Notes

An informational seminar for prospective members about Greenbelt Homes will be held on March 4 at 7:15 p.m. at the GHI Offices on Hamilton Place. There will be a work session on garage policy on March 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center. The GHI Board of Directors will meet March 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. Members are always welcome to attend.

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald  
Vice President Florence Holly presided at the February 20 meeting. Bill Souser thanked everyone for the cards and prayers for Arlene. She is improving and in good spirits. A letter from President Ima Davis was read. She thanked the members for cards and explained about Don’s bypass surgery. He’s doing well, but she has to do the driving.

Congratulations to two couples who celebrated a one year wedding anniversary, Roger and Janet Brown and Betty and Jim Down. Travel committee chair Phyllis Budin reminded members that the Building Museum trip leaves at 8:15 a.m. on February 28. The March 25 trip to Montpelier in Orange, Va., leaves at 7:30 a.m. There is a fee and lunch is on your own.

The 50/50 lucky winners were Lenny Holohan and Norma Van Allen. The birthday drawing was won by Jim Down.

Acting sunshine chair Ellie Rimar sent cards to Mary Hooper and Elfrieda Wines, a 26-year member. Esther Mead and Andy Feeney are in the hospital. Ellie introduced the new sunshine committee, Pearl and Ken Keeney.

A delicious birthday lunch was enjoyed by everyone.

Shade Gardens Is Topic of Talk

“Rejuvenating Older Gardens,” with special attention to shade gardens, is the topic of the Greenbelt Home and Garden Club meeting on Tuesday, March 5. John Hartmann, from the Montgomery County Master Gardeners, will present lecture and slide show on the subject. The meeting which is open to the public, will be at 7:30 p.m. in the Greenbelt Community Center. Call 301-345-5356 for details.

Community Events

Poetry Plus Notions Negative Emotions

Poetry Plus, a group for poets and poetry lovers to listen and talk, an appreciative audience for new poems or old, poems people love, hate or don’t understand, will meet on Saturday, March 9, at the Greenbelt Library, 10:30 a.m. to noon. The suggested topic is “Negative Emotions.” The discussion is open to all who enjoy talking about poetry. It will help to bring 5 to 10 copies of poems for the group to read.

New Homework Club

In order to accommodate the later closing times of Magnolia Elementary and Greenbelt Elementary schools, the Greenbelt Recreation Department has scheduled an additional homework and tutoring club meeting at the Schrom Hills Recreation Center on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. during the school year. The regular meeting at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center on Tuesdays, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. continues. Both sessions are free. Call Janet Goldberg, 301-397-2212, for further information.

At the Library

Tuesday, March 5, 7 p.m. Cliffhangers for ages 5 to 8.  
Wednesday, March 6, 10:15 a.m. Cuddletime for ages 12 to 24 months with caregiver.  
Thursday, March 7, 10:15 a.m. Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 to 5.  
11:15 a.m. Toddler Time for two-year-olds with caregiver.

GEAC to Meet

The Greenbelt East Advisory Committee will hold its next meeting on Thursday, March 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the Hunting Ridge Community Center.

Garden Club Holds Its Annual Meeting

The Greenbelt Garden Club will hold its annual meeting on Tuesday, March 5 at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the Greenbelt Police Station. It is located at Crescent and Ridge Roads, near the Kenilworth Avenue intersection with Crescent Road. Club business will be discussed and sign-up will be available for garden plots. Returning members have first pick for the plot they used last year and then plots will be assigned on a first come first served basis. The club divides three fields into plots. Some are plowed and some are not. The plots range from about 25 feet by 50 feet to 50 feet by 50 feet in size. The fields are in the central part of the city off Gardenway next to the overpass, next to Hamilton Place (across from the GHI building), and off Hamilton Place (next to the boat and trailer storage yard). There are no water sources on the fields. The Greenbelt Garden Club has been open to those who want to garden since the early years of the city.

Festival Committee Seeks Volunteers

Planning for this year’s Labor Day Festival is well under way. The committee is busily working on what will be another great festival. It is, however, in need of a few more volunteers. Come join this great group of people and be a part of this historic event in Greenbelt. Help make it happen. Call Patti Brothers at 301-982-2312 for more information.

ERHS PTSA Takes Positions on Issues

by Charles Hendricks  
The Eleanor Roosevelt Parent-Teacher-Student Association (PTSA) met on February 18 to discuss legislative matters relating to the Prince George’s County Schools and to receive a report from the high school principal, Sylvester Conyers. The PTSA adopted four motions relating to legislative proposals that have been discussed in Annapolis. The group endorsed the report of the Maryland commission on school funding and equity headed by former Prince George’s County school board chair Dr. Alvin Thornton, which called for a multimillion dollar increase in state aid to local school districts. The PTSA voted to oppose the emergency bill passed by the House of Delegates but not yet acted upon by the State Senate to give a five-member appointed body veto power of the dismissal or appointment of the Prince George’s County school superintendent. It approved unanimously a motion expressing support for the maintenance of an all-elected school board in Prince George’s County. Finally, the PTSA endorsed a proposal that any proposed change in the manner of selecting members of the Prince George’s County school board be put into effect only if approved in a referendum by county voters. The ERHS PTSA members made plans to join with other PTSAs in lobbying in Annapolis on PTA Night, March 4. President Allen Elliott expressed at the meeting the pride of all present in the achievement of Eleanor Roosevelt student Bernard Holloway in winning the Teen Jeopardy competition.

Genealogical Society Presents

The Prince George’s County Genealogical Society will present Dr. R. J. Rockefeller, speaking on “What’s New about What’s Old at the Maryland State Archives” from 7 to 9 p.m., Wednesday, March 6 at the Greenbelt Public Library (11 Crescent Road). Park in the rear and use the ground-level entrance. A brief business meeting is held to update attendees on upcoming Society activities, followed by a short refreshment break, and then the guest speaker for the evening. Guests are welcome. Call 301-262-2063 (Wednesday only).

Greenbriar to Vote

Greenbriar boards of directors will hold their annual association meetings in March in the Greenbriar Terrace Room. Phase I will be held on Tue., March 12 at 7:30 p.m., Phase II will be held on Tue., March 5 at 7:30 p.m., and Phase III on Tue., March 19 at 7 p.m. The Greenbriar Community Association (GCA) board of directors will meet on Tue., March 26 at 7:30 p.m. Homeowners are encouraged to attend their Phase meeting and take an active role in the association’s election. The by-laws require a certain percentage of owners be represented in person or by proxy. Electing directors is a very important responsibility for every homeowner. If unable to attend, send in your proxy and make your vote count.

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Cost for Greenbelt residents or those who RSVP on  
our special e-list "swingandhustle2@aol.com"  
is always \$10. The price is \$12 for all others.  
No partner is necessary.

Greenbelt Arts Center Presents  
After you've seen "The Fifth Sun" come back to the Arts Center for:  
The Maryland Boy Choir,                      Saturday, March 16, 8 PM  
Directed by Joan McFarland  
A Celtic Evening                                  Friday, March 22, 8 PM  
   Saturday, March 23, 8 PM  
Tickets for these events: \$10 for adults; \$8 for students and seniors  
Reservations: 301-345-9369



# Obituaries

## Norman Weyel

Longtime Greenbelter Norman William Weyel, (Norm), 90, of Woodland Way died on Sunday, February 24, 2002 at Greater Southeast Community Hospital. Born July 31, 1911 in Homestead, Pa., he grew up in Pittsburgh.

He was a member of the Army Air Corp during World War II.

In 1947 he married his wife, Ruth. They were together 54 years before her death last year.

Mr. Weyel worked for the Greyhound Bus Line and when the maintenance facility was closed in Pittsburgh he moved to Maryland, working out of the Washington, D.C. facility.

In 1963 the family came to Greenbelt, living first at Plateau Place and then Woodland Way. He served on the Greenbelt Homes (GHI) board of directors from 1964 to 1980, acting as secretary from 1970 to 1973. He also served on the following GHI Ad Hoc committees: Additional Homes, Larger Homes, and Review of Membership Standards - also GHI committees: Advisory Zoning, Finance, Maintenance, Member Relations, Parking and Planning, Engineering and Maintenance.

A staunch supporter of the PTAs at the schools his children attended, Mr Weyel belonged to PTAs at North End Elementary School, Greenbelt Middle School and Parkdale and High Point High Schools.

For North End Elementary School, Mr. Weyel started the first Labor Day Festival used book booth. The project was passed on to Greenbelt Center School when North End closed and the children went to Center School. There is still a booth at the festival, now for Greenbelt Elementary.

Mr. Weyel's wife, Ruth, died a year ago. He is survived by daughters Nancy Ruth, Elizabeth Jean, and Ruth Ann and son Richard Norman; grandsons Andrew Richard, Nicholas Alan and Matthew Henry; daughter-in-law Carolyn Ann; son-in-law James Albert; brothers William and Donald Weyel.

Services were held Wednesday February 27 at Borgwardt Funeral Home. Interment was private.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Red Cross.

## Greenbelt Student At Leaders Forum

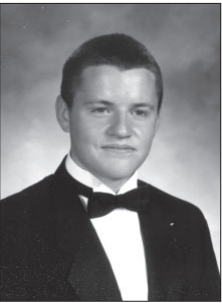
by Elaine Skolnik

Wesley Drew, a 17-year-old senior at DeMatha Catholic High School, has been selected to participate in the National Youth Leadership Forum on Law (NYLF/LAW) in Washington, D.C. March 5-10. Having demonstrated academic achievement and an interest in law and justice, Wesley will join more than 350 outstanding American high school students at the forum.

"The experience that the National Youth Leadership Forum on Law provides to these individuals allows them to be . . . selective and focused in their studies and internships as they map out their route to law school and beyond. By interacting with partners at law firms, criminal defense attorneys and prosecutors, as well as professors and other professionals who work with the justice system, the process of students shaping their future starts here," said Donna Weldin, executive director of the NYLF.

Greenbelt has been Drew's home since he was two years old. When questioned, Drew said right now he thinks he wants to be a teacher. Having had good teachers is what prompted him to consider teaching as a career. He enjoys cross-country running and swimming, and currently works part-time at the Greenbelt Aquatic Center as a life guard.

The NYLF is a non-partisan, nonprofit educational organization that sponsors highly specialized career-oriented programs for outstanding high school students who demonstrate leadership potential. For additional information, visit [www.nylf.org](http://www.nylf.org).



Wesley Drew



Our sympathy to the family and many friends of Norman Weyel who died February 24. He was a member of the GHI Board of Directors for 16 years.

Congratulations to the following:

Jason Brooks, 1999 graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School, who made the Dean's List at Frostburg State University, Frostburg, Md. last semester (fall) with a 4.0. He was a transfer student from Shepherd's College in Shepherdstown W.Va. With the fall semester under his belt he is now a junior. Jason is the son of Eleanor Brooks of Research Road.

Air Force Airman Doo W. Park, who has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, he studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training and special training in human relations. He also earned credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force. Park is the brother of Sung Park of Morrison Drive. He is a 2001 graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

Marcus Helfrich, former Greenbelter, who has obtained a Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of Oregon. He will start his post-doctoral work at Penn State on March 1. Marcus is the son of Robert Helfrich of South Carolina and Marcy Bringen of Greenbelt.



Doo W. Park


## Planetarium Show

A planetarium show for all ages will be held on Friday, March 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the Howard Owens Science Center, 9601 Greenbelt Road, Lanham.

There is a fee. The program will be followed by a live tour of the night sky. Call Russell Waugh or Patty Seaton at 301-918-8750.

## Drivers Needed

The Road to Recovery program of the American Cancer Society Mid-Atlantic Division is recruiting drivers from the county for a few weekday hours. Drivers transport patients to treatment programs using their own vehicles and gas. For more information, call 301-933-9350.



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# “Fifth Sun” Shines Bright At Greenbelt Arts Center

by Jacqueline Miller Byrd

You need not travel to Broadway to experience fine theater. Mark your calendar today to catch “The Fifth Sun,” by Nicholas A. Patricca, now playing at the Greenbelt Arts Center. The acclaimed play opens with lively music and colorful, intricately detailed green, blue, yellow, red and white costumes, set off by original stage designs and enhanced by appropriately set lighting.

The passionate acting of the “Sun” cast members transports theatregoers to faraway Central America. The life and times of Archbishop Oscar Romero and those who influenced his life and times are portrayed in Act One, “The First Hundred Days.”

Playwright Patricca created an intriguing work about the people and forces that transformed the man Romero into an extraordinary leader. The playwright’s poetic fiction and the passionate performances of many talented artists captivated the audience. Robert G. Page, in a compelling performance as Romero, displays assured stage presence and effective delivery. Shirley Weaver, as Anne, the feisty, cigarette-smoking American nun and advisor, adds wit to her character as she challenges others to get involved. Thomas Hagan, who plays the opinionated Hector, does well in expressing his character. Mark Hoppenjans as Rutilio Grande is grand in his outspoken role.

The First Hundred Days plays well, combining the elements of ancient tomb rituals, Mayan temple dramas and medieval morality with precise fades to black between scene, costume and lighting changes. Actors portraying “Children of the Sun” are a superb and integral part of the story, with strong dance movements and chants of “What will you do, Romero? No more words,” a call to action by the strong cries of 100,000 people.

Theater patrons sit comfortably in new chairs that surround the

stage in the 100-seat theater and allow for clear visibility stage left, right and center.

Stirring (Djembe) drumbeats by Trix Whitehall, as Kukulkan, set the tone for moods and precise dance movements and actions well into Act Two, “The Conversion of the Poor.” “Sun” captures viewers with a powerful monologue and evolving plot of challenges, chaos, death, rebuilding and reflections. Director Ginny Zanner and assistant director Shirley Weaver had a bright vision in bringing “The Fifth Sun” to GAC. As Zanner puts it, “The play is a rich history that blends Mayan tools with the current situation of the liberation theology being debated today.”

Producers Beatriz Mayoral and Elizabeth (Betty) Otero ensure a smooth production and praise the talented cast members, ranging from the delightful seven-year-old to 78-year-old Bill Pruett, as a strong and firm Colonel.

The surprise finale is moving and inspirational, with a melodic selection by Diosa Riva.

The enthusiastic audience applause and the word “great” describe the feelings of Royce Lloyd, an arts supporter and grandfather of Chelsie Lloyd, for her very deliberate performance as Manuel.

You will be transformed by the moving history and fine performances exhibited in “The Fifth Sun.” The cast, company and production staff deliver many dramatic scenes and a bright performance. Catch the “Sun” through March 9.

## Volunteer for Hotline

Want to assist people in crisis or help out stressed parents? The Crisis & Family Stress Hotline is looking for volunteers to provide confidential crisis counseling and give information and referrals over the phone. Call 202-223-0020. Training is provided.



# City Information

## CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS & WORK SESSIONS

### MARCH 2002

ACE Educator Reception	3/11	7:30 p.m. MB
Regular Meeting	3/11	8:00 p.m. MB*
Work Session -TBA	3/13	8:00 p.m. CC
Work Sessions		
Greenbelt Clergy	3/18	8:00 p.m. MB*
Tree Management	3/20	8:00 p.m. CC
Regular Meeting	3/25	8:00 p.m. MB*

*\*Shown live on Channel B-71*

**MB-Municipal Building CC-Community Center**

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation call 301-474-8000. Regular meetings and work sessions are open to the public. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 or TTY 301-474-2046.

## ADVISORY BOARD/COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

**THE PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE will hold their first COMMUNITY MEETING at 7:00 pm on MARCH 12th. Greenbelt East residents are encouraged to attend to let the committee know about their concerns. For more information contact Connie Harris at 301-345-7203.**

*Openings exist on the following City Council Advisory Boards and Committees: Arts Advisory Board; Park and Recreation Advisory Committee; and the Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee. For information call 301-474-8000.*



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## EARTH DAY T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST

This year’s theme is:

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Design the City of Greenbelt’s official Earth Day 2002 T-shirt! Submit your original design by 12 noon, Monday, March 11th. Mail your design to: REAC, c/o City of Greenbelt, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD or bring it to this address and place it in the drop box. Open to all! The winner will receive a 4-pack of tickets to the National Aquarium in Baltimore.

Info: Cindy Murry at 301-345-9334.

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## THE GREENBELT COMMUNITY CENTER PRESENTS:

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**SUNDAY, MARCH 3<sup>rd</sup> from 1-5 pm**

**15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 301-397-2208**



This month’s Artful Afternoon features a puppet show, literary readings, gallery talks, a studio open house, children’s pop-up book workshop, pottery sale and tours of the Greenbelt Museum.

## REGISTRATION FOR MEN’S SPRING SOFTBALL

Registration for the Recreation Department’s Men’s Spring Softball league is now underway. The deadline for registration is March 22nd. Registration forms are available at the Business Office at 99 Centerway. Info: 301-397-2200

## GREENBELT MUNICIPAL/PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL 71



### Municipal Access 301-474-8000:

Tuesday and Thursday, 3/5 & 3/7:  
6 pm The City

7:45 pm ACE Reading Program -  
Springhill Lake Elementary

8 pm The Greenbelt Museum presents  
“Black Documentary Photographers in  
New Deal and Wartime America.”

### Public Access 301-507-6581:

Please call for schedule.

## FOOD AND FRIENDSHIP PROGRAM

**Attention Seniors:** The Food and Friendship program serves hot lunches Monday through

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The next presentations are scheduled as follows:

Monday, March 4, 2002 7:15 p.m.  
Saturday, March 16, 2002 11 a.m.

Please call the Receptionist at (301) 474-4161 for reservations and information. The sessions are free, and there is no obligation. There are lists of “Homes for Sale” at the GHI office. There is no charge.

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# POLICE BLOTTER

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department.  
Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

## Robbery

6200 block Breezewood Court, February 19, 9:30 p.m., a man walking in an apartment hallway was approached from behind by two suspects. One placed what the victim believed to be a knife at the back of his neck, and took the victim's wallet and the bags of clothing he was carrying. The suspects then ran to a vehicle described as a red pickup truck and fled the scene. The victim was not injured. The suspects are described only as black males, 5'10", wearing coats.

## Unattended Children

Beltway Plaza, February 16, 5:36 p.m., a 31-year-old Lanham woman was arrested and charged with leaving children unattended in a motor vehicle. She left a three-year-old and a 15-month-old unattended. She was released on citation pending trial.

## Burglary

5800 block Cherrywood Lane, February 19, 11:04 p.m., after an officer saw a man loitering in a parking lot and investigated, a 34-year-old Takoma Park resident was arrested and charged with possession of burglary tools commonly used to break into and steal cars. He was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

6000 block Springhill Drive, February 16, 9:45 p.m., someone entered the residence through an unlocked sliding glass door. Nothing was taken.

5000 block Cherrywood Court, February 17, 7:08 p.m., someone tried to pry open the front door of an apartment residence. Entry was not gained.

7900 block Mandan Road, February 16, 10:36 p.m., someone broke into a storage bin and took an electronic keyboard.

7800 block Hanover Parkway, February 20, 9:15 p.m., someone entered the residence, possibly through an unlocked window. Two video game players, video games, a DVD player and money were taken.

## Theft

6040 Greenbelt Road, February 15, 9:02 p.m., someone took an unattended purse from TJ's Roadhouse restaurant.

Eleanor Roosevelt High School, 7601 Hanover Parkway, February 12, 6:45 p.m., a cellular telephone was taken from an unattended book bag in a classroom.

## Drug Arrests

Area of Crescent Road and Lakeside, February 15, 9:13 p.m., after a traffic stop, a female resident, 44, was arrested and charged with possession of cocaine and paraphernalia. She had a suspended license and an open warrant with the county Sheriff's Department and was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

In two separate traffic stops, one in the 500 block Crescent Road, February 17, at 4:18 a.m., and one in the 6900 block Cherrywood Lane, February 17, at 11:30 a.m., male non-residents, 21 and 22, were arrested and charged with possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia. Both were released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

## Vandalism

Unit block of Parkway, February 16, 6:53 p.m., someone broke out the window of an apartment.

## Vehicle Crimes

The following vehicles were reported stolen: a green 1999 Dodge Intrepid four-door, Md.

tags KCB208, from Beltway Plaza, February 15; a 1994 Isuzu Trooper, from Beltway Plaza, February 17, was recovered the next day by county police in Hyattsville; a 1999 Ford Taurus four-door, from the 11 Court Ridge Road, February 18, was recovered the same day by county police in Landover.

A Bowie resident, 31, was arrested after a computer check showed the tags on his vehicle were stolen. The man was released on citation pending trial.

Two Capitol Heights boys, 14 and 16, were arrested in the area of Greenbelt Road and Kenilworth Avenue after a computer check revealed that the 2002 Dodge Intrepid they were driving was stolen. The car came to a stop near BW Parkway and Good Luck Road, at which time the passenger fled into nearby woods. The driver was arrested. Later, the passenger was found hiding in a storm drain. Both boys were released to parents pending action by the juvenile justice system.

Five stolen vehicles were recovered; one arrest was involved.

Vandalism to, thefts from, and attempted thefts of vehicles were reported in the following areas: 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace; 7200 block Hanover Drive; 9300 block Edmonston Road (two incidents); 9100 block Edmonston Court; 6100 block Breezewood Drive; 6900 block Hanover Parkway (two incidents); 14 Court Ridge Road (two incidents); 6500 block Capitol Drive; 7900 block Mandan Road; 9100 block Edmonston Terrace; 100 block Westway; 9100 block Edmonston Road (two incidents); 9000 block Breezewood Terrace; 8100 block Lakecrest Drive.

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# School, Police Honored For High Seat Belt Use

by MPO George Mathews, Greenbelt Police Department

Representatives from the Greenbelt Police Department and Eleanor Roosevelt High School were recognized by the Maryland Highway Safety Office at the State Highway Administration (SHA) and the Maryland Committee for Safety Belt Use, Inc. for exemplary seatbelt use by their employees and students throughout 2001. The awards ceremony, which took place at the Ramada Inn BWI Airport January 29, featured special recognition of businesses and agencies after at least 85% of their employees/students were observed wearing seatbelts.

To qualify for the award, participants conducted two observational seatbelt surveys in the parking lot at the Greenbelt Police Department and Eleanor Roosevelt High School during regular business hours. These surveys were spaced at least 30 days apart to indicate sustained usage rates, and were conducted according to guidelines provided by the Maryland Highway Safety

Office at SHA. Many of the surveys were submitted in conjunction with the Maryland Chiefs' Challenge campaign, a two-month public education initiative to raise awareness of the lifesaving and injury-reducing benefits of seatbelt and child safety seat use. The Maryland Chiefs' Challenge campaign and the Maryland Pacesetters program have assisted Maryland in achieving one of the highest seatbelt use rates in the country, with nearly 85% of Maryland motorists buckling up.

The Greenbelt Police Department was recognized with a certificate for demonstrating a 100% usage rate, and Eleanor Roosevelt High School was recognized with a certificate for demonstrating a 95% usage rate. Accepting the award for Eleanor Roosevelt High School was John Enkiri, vice principal, and School Resource Officer Marty Parker. Accepting the award for the Greenbelt Police Department was Master Patrol Officer Scott Kaiser, the Department's Traffic Officer.

## Safer Locks Offered For Cedar Chests

Lane Home Furnishings is seeking the public's help in locating and making safer for children more than 1,000,000 airtight cedar chests made between 1912 and 1987 that are believed to be in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. The company will replace old locks with new ones.

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The new locks or, if desired, a decorative plate with no locking mechanism will be provided free of charge to Lane or Virginia Maid chest owners by calling toll free 1-888-856-8758, or registering at Lanes web site, <http://www.newlock.net>.



## VISUAL ARTS

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rent program should run a full year and then be re-evaluated. He asked for the full year report on the program from Recreation Department staff by September 1. White countered that there would be opportunity to evaluate the program by the time responses to a new RFP are returned to the city. He said he is not sure the city can provide the kinds of programs that could be achieved through an RFP, which is why he favors the RFP.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts did not see any advantage to another RFP, but said he would change his position on the motion if he could be shown that staff is not open to suggestions or that patrons are not happy with the program. Council had received two letters, one supporting the current program and the other expressing dissatisfaction with it. Roberts does not see any dissatisfaction from the public reflected in the figures presented in the half-year report from staff. Councilmember Alan Turnbull requested that the Recreation Department have a system of feedback from participants no matter who runs the program. The motion failed with Roberts, Putens and Turnbull voting against it.

A motion that the city continue the arts program as it is without an RFP and review the situation again after the full-year report is available was made by Putens and seconded by Turnbull. The motion carried with Davis and White voting against it.

### Joint Replacement Is Seminar Topic

A free seminar on arthritis and total joint replacement will be held at Laurel Regional Hospital on Tuesday, March 5, at 6 p.m. To register, call 301-497-8736.

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Visitors Center. In some cases entire logs are being replaced; in others old logs will receive new facing. Logs are being treated with a borate solution, Chapman said. The solution is environmentally benign, but since it is water-soluble, the wood must be kept dry, according to Center Superintendent Tom McGrath.

Working under Chapman's direction is an intern from the University of Maryland-Eastern Shore, Amir Greene, who is studying construction management at the university. Later, Greene will be eligible for possible "direct hire" (no competitive examinations) by the Park Service.



The repair and piecing of logs at the lodge.

The Park Service makes extensive use of on-the-job training and is thus able to acquire well-trained workers to do the extensive maintenance needed on historical properties located among the 380 sites of the agency. A shop facility, which is part of the Park Service Historical Preservation Training Center in Frederick, trains in many special skills needed for historic preservation, including how to make wooden windows and do hand-planing of wood, McGrath told the News Review.

For more information, go to the Park Service Web site at [www.nps.gov/training/hptc/hptc.html](http://www.nps.gov/training/hptc/hptc.html).

## A Greenbelt Gardener

by Rosie Rhubarb

This is the warmest winter I can remember. A few warm days is typical for the Washington area in the winter. But the weather we've been experiencing is more typical of March than January and February. Don't be fooled by the warm days, however, because the nighttime temperatures are in the twenties or thirties most nights and that is typical winter weather. And with weeks yet before spring comes, the weather could still revert to normal winter temperatures.

In the meantime, enjoy the warm weather. Take a few walks, do some garden cleanup, or do preparation for spring planting.

The flower beds near the post office show what can be done in the garden and that there can be color in the garden this time of year. The shrubs with small yellow flowers in bloom are witch hazel, variety "Arnold's Promise." Each flower looks like several small strings of yellow. The color and fragrance, however, make this a welcome sight no matter the flower shape. Each tiny flower is hardly worth a sniff but every once in a while, the wind is from the right direction and the scent of many flowers at once is a delight.

At the base of a couple of the witch hazel shrubs are the beautiful dark leaves of Lenten Rose (*Helleborus orientalis*). Soon the five-petaled flowers will bloom.

In the flower beds between the shrubs and the walk the dried, dead stalks of last year's perennial flowers have been cut back to ground level. Then the whole

beds were covered with a layer of mulch a couple inches thick.

The mulch isn't exciting to look at. But because it is all of the same type, there is a uniform

look to the beds. The mulch will slowly decompose in the coming months providing nutrients to the soil and organic matter that will help the plants withstand drought. And a layer of mulch greatly reduces the number of weeds

that grow up.

In this case, the mulch is decomposed leaves. Other organic materials can be used such as pine needles, wood chips, and bark nuggets.

### Pruning

Another task that could be done this time of year is pruning trees and shrubs; the exception is not to prune plants that will bloom in the springtime. Even inexperienced gardeners can do basic pruning. Use sharp pruning shears to make a clean cut.

Start with the most pressing needs. Cut out broken or diseased branches. Then look to see if any two branches are rubbing or are close to rubbing and cut these out. For more detailed pruning, try consulting a general garden book.

### Assist with Self-Image

The "Look Good Feel Better Program" of the American Cancer Society Mid-Atlantic Division is looking for volunteers in Prince George's County licensed in cosmetology to teach women cancer patients beauty techniques. Call 301-933-9350, for details.



### Blue Chip Girls Basketball Shootout

The Blue Chip Girls Basketball Shootout is coming to the University of Maryland in College Park on Sunday, March 17. All players must register between 8 and 8:30 a.m. The games will begin at 9 a.m. The application deadline is March 3.

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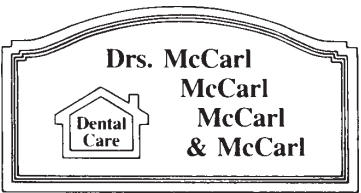
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iams” of her day, but quickly recanted saying that she was “never really that good.” But she did play in a tournament against Arthur Ashe.

She said experience has taught her it doesn’t matter where you start if you have someone to believe in you, whether it’s a parent or other family member, mentor, teacher or friend. Given the importance of such influence, the system is looking for 10,000 mentoring volunteers.

Metts told the group she knew she was “preaching to the chorus,” and that she appreciates whatever they do to help children. “I wish you well,” she said in closing, adding that she gives service “from the heart” and gives it consistently and is not one to “run away and hide.”

### Questions

King Lion Timothy Edwards then opened the floor to questions for Metts. She was asked by a former teacher about the paper work that bogs teachers down and cuts into their instruction time. Metts explained the introduction of new technology that would stream-line and expedite much of teachers’ paper work. She added that she has been working to give teachers access to telephones to make calling parents easier. She anticipates that within the next two years all teachers will have their own lap top computers. She said teachers have been treated as “third-class citizens,” and the administration is working to correct that.

Edwards asked what could be done to motivate parents to become involved with their children’s education instead of viewing schools as “big time day care.” Metts agreed that parents need to be partners with schools. She has found a need to explain to parents what their responsibilities are. The Parent-Teachers’

Association (PTA) has become stronger, she said, and is playing a role in engaging parents.

Metts was asked if she would “stay the course,” and she responded that she “will stay as long as this community wants me.” She said she has withdrawn from consideration for a position in Georgia, partly because the board there was split on hiring her and she promised herself she would never accept a position under those conditions again. She said she “must love this place,” since she came back to work the day after she was terminated. One of the Lions congratulated her on handling recent conflicts with the school board with dignity.

### Budget Cuts

Larry Goldberg of Greenbelt, who was earlier recognized by Metts for his dedicated involvement in a mentoring program, told Metts that mentoring had become more difficult since the discontinuation of activities buses in the late afternoon.

Over \$90 million must be cut from the existing budget, answered Metts, and some will come from the transportation budget, which is currently \$62 million. Teachers’ raises, new programs, and increases in health care costs have been burdens to the budget. Going back to neighborhood schools and consolidating magnet schools, with the elimination of cross-town busing, will help. She applauded Greenbelt’s tutoring programs.

Metts cited figures from the State of the District Report, which was available to those in attendance. The report shows that Prince George’s County spends less per pupil than any other nearby school district, over \$1000 less than Prince William County, Virginia, the district that is next to last in the ranking. She

said she just does not know how to make money go any further and added that this school district has not had a budget deficit since she got here. It has also paid down debt of \$1.49 million. If it seems as if they are cutting back, it is because they don’t have the money per pupil that other systems spend.

In response to several questions from Konrad Herling, Metts said that the county school system should be able to take advantage of federal money that may become available under legislation proposed by President Bush because the requirements are already under way. An accountability office has been developed and summer school has become mandatory for pupils not mastering basic skills.

Metts said the question of vouchers is difficult to answer. If public schools had the money needed to provide quality education to children, parents wouldn’t be asking for vouchers. If vouchers are approved, she fears public schools will be left with pupils who are difficult and expensive to educate, and that there won’t be enough money to serve them. It is her opinion that vouchers would stress the public school system. “In my heart I know that there are excellent public schools here and parents will send children to them,” she said.

### Future Here?

Regarding her relationship to the school board, Metts called it a “sensitive area.” She considers it a waste of money and unfair to



Dr. Metts poses with Lions Club Chapter President Tim Edwards (center), and Emory Harman, past president, at the close of Monday's meeting.

the taxpayers for her to be placed on administrative leave for the rest of her contract term. She explained that state statutes require that there be evidence of wrong-doing in order to be terminated, and none has been provided. So her attorney went to the state board on her behalf and she was reinstated. She said board members have gone to local newspapers and she has read in the press that she should be terminated. She said she thinks she has very good ideas, but does

not know about her future here. Much depends on what happens in the state legislature. She indicated she wants to work here, but wants to work with people who want her. She wants to be productive, not always defending herself. She had been in the process of going to businesses to try to get money to help fund school programs, but now no one wants to talk to her until the situation with the board is resolved. If they prove she has done something wrong, she will step down. Until then, she will keep doing her job.

Metts had begun her remarks by asking the gathering to join with her in a moment of silence to remember Prince George’s County Councilman Isaac Gourdine, who died earlier in the day from injuries sustained in an automobile accident that morning on the Beltway. Metts praised his support of the school system.



## OFFICIAL NOTICE

### Resolutions to Revise the City Charter Related to Employee Appeals and Grievances

At its February 25, 2002, regular meeting, the City Council adopted two resolutions to amend the City Charter. As required by state law, these resolutions will be posted in their entirety for forty (40) days, until April 6, 2002, at the Municipal Building. They can also be found on the City’s Web site at <http://www.ci.greenbelt.md.us>. Copies may also be requested from the City Clerk. The charter amendment resolutions will become effective on April 16, 2002, unless a proper petition to submit the amendment(s) to the voters on a referendum is filed by April 6, as permitted by law. This notice is to provide a fair summary of both resolutions.

At its February 11, 2002, regular meeting, Council introduced for first reading an ordinance to revise the process described in Article VI, Chapt. 13, of the City Code for appeals and grievances by employees of the City of Greenbelt. This ordinance will be considered for adoption at the meeting of April 22, 2002, following the effective date of the charter resolutions. The draft ordinance is posted at the Municipal Building and on the City’s Web site. Copies may also be requested from the City Clerk.

#### Charter Amendment Resolution No. 2002-3

*A Resolution of the City of Greenbelt, Adopted Pursuant to the Authority of Article XI-E of the Constitution of Maryland and Section 13 of Article 23a of the Annotated Code of Maryland, (2001 Replacement Volume as Amended), Title, “Corporations-Municipal,” Subtitle “Charter Amendments,” to Amend the Charter of the City of Greenbelt Found, in Whole or in Part, in the Compilation of Municipal Charters of Maryland (1983 Edition as Amended), as Prepared by the Department of Legislative Reference Pursuant to Chapter 77 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1983, by Repealing and Re-enacting with Amendments Employee Relations Board Section 12(d), Titled “Powers”*

#### Charter Amendment Resolution No. 2002-4

*A Resolution of the City of Greenbelt, Adopted Pursuant to the Authority of Article XI-E of the Constitution of Maryland and Section 13 of Article 23a of the Annotated Code of Maryland, (2001 Replacement Volume as Amended), Title, “Corporations-Municipal,” Subtitle “Charter Amendments,” to Amend the Charter of the City of Greenbelt Found, in Whole or in Part, in the Compilation of Municipal Charters of Maryland (1983 Edition as Amended), as Prepared by the Department of Legislative Reference Pursuant to Chapter 77 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1983, by Repealing and Re-enacting with Amendments Section 36, Related to the City Manager, Titled “Same-Powers”*

The charter resolutions are necessary to amend the Charter to be consistent with the amendment proposed by ordinance to the City Code. The primary purpose of the two above-titled resolutions is to clarify the distinctions between appeals and grievances and to clearly establish that appeals are only for cases of dismissal, suspension or demotion.

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